

the ruling of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, Senator Proud, I didn't quite catch your last comment. (mike off) You did, you did--(mike off) is the ruling of the Chair. Very good, the question then is shall the Chair be sustained in the ruling regarding the motion to take up Senator Carpenter's motion at this time? All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Motion is to challenge the ruling of the Chair and if you--motion is to overrule the Chair. Excuse me--question is--excuse me--the issue is, the issue is. Question is, shall the Chair be sustained? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 5 nays to sustain the ruling of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Good. Now we're back to the discussion of the motion of Senator Carpenter's and I wonder, Senator Proud if you had any more discussion of the particular motion?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, as a matter of fact I do.

PRESIDENT: Proceed Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, it's always been my position that you can do anything you want with 25 votes so we've had an obvious disregard of the rules here--admitted. That's the name of the game. Now without going into a school teacherish speech here, the Government is divided into three basic sections, the judiciary, the legislative and the executive. We've had a lot of talk, there is a bill up here on DAS to take away some of the powers of the Governor. I don't think I'm going to vote for the bill but now we're giving him all the powers. We're going to put ourselves in a completely ridiculous position because we are absolutely abandoning our responsibility. It is the responsibility of this Legislature to pass laws or reject laws, not the Governor. The only power he has when it comes to the passage of a law is a veto which we can override. Now we are saying to the Governor of this State, we don't have a Legislature, we just have a Governor and a Supreme Court. We abandon our responsibilities to the public, we abandon our responsibilities to the retarded, to the people on welfare, we abandon our responsibility to the University if they need some constrution. We abandon our responsibility to the school districts of this State where in some cases the mill levy is intolerably too high. We abandon all that and we're going home and we're going to leave it all to the Governor. All for what purpose? Purpose being to embarrass the Governor. Certainly this is enticing even to me because the Governor in some respects continually tries to embarrass us. This is the name of the political game. The Governor blames the Legislature for everything, the Legislature blames the Governor for everything and this goes on year after year. Nevertheless, the constitution sets out our duties and so do the State statutes and are we going to abandon all these other projects, these bills we have? Do we now admit that those bills should never have been introduced in the first place, or that they shouldn't be considered this year? Are we going to do what the people mandated us to do and meet once a year? If we--once a sess--annually. Are we going to meet annually or are we not? Now by going home, oh yes, we, we met, but the main work is still to be done here and we're going to look so foolish it won't even be funny and in my judgment, properly so, if we now abandon our duties and say let the Governor be the--not only be the Chief Executive, but let him be the Legislature. I'm not willing to do that.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kelly, then Senator Burbach, Warner, Frank Lewis, Snyder.